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comes by:  
No don't stop to listen for trumpets and  
drums.  
No banners are waving, obscuring the sky,  
All speaking to us of the hero that comes.  
To only this workman, grizzled and grim,  
On the way to the place where he toils for  
his loved land.  
You don't care to stand here bareheaded for  
him  
Unless you are told what he's done, what  
he's said?

And what may his name be? Why, how can  
I tell?  
I've asked him no questions. Sufficient for  
me  
Is that little bronze medal pinned on his  
lapel.

Or to think how he'd look in the temple of  
fame?

Or who of his neighbors would gaze on him there?

Is an instant. He looks like the rest of his clan—

His hands are as rough and his clothes are the name—

But he's filled the full measure of greatness of man.

And from that hour to this he has worn a new name.

And that name is Hero. I care not to see

Where he lives nor to hear what his neighbors might tell.

See how they call him. See they call him. Sufficient for me

Is that little bronze medal pinned on his lapel.

—Margaret H. Bates, in *Youth's Companion*.

**HOUSEKEEPING.**

be omitted, and only the most selfish members of a family would feel willing

Again, in all systems of sensible house management there should be a place for everything, and everything should be kept in its place so far as it can be done without too much work. The housekeeper who makes a storage garret of her whole house, is working against her own interest and against the comfort of her family. Old garments, old bed-clothes, old baskets, old boots and shoes, old trunks and other odds and ends, which accumulate in a house, if stored in the house at all, should be stored in the attic, or in unused rooms. These

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A close-up photograph of a cylindrical container, likely a can of condensed milk. A white label with a black border is visible, featuring the text "TRADE-MARK" in a bold, sans-serif font. The container is dark, and the lighting highlights the metallic texture of the can.



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"The sun's heat will give out in ten million years more."

And he worried about it;

"It will surely give out, if it doesn't before."

And he worried about it;

"It would surely give out, so the scientists said."

In all scientific books that he read,

And the whole mighty universe then would be dead."

And he worried about it;

"And some day the earth will fall into the sun."

And he worried about it;

"Just as sure, and as straight, as if shot from a gun."

And he worried about it;

"When strong gravitation unbuckles her straps."

Just picture," he said, "what a fearful collapse!"

It will come in a few million years, perhaps."

And he worried about it;

"The earth will become much too small for the race."

And he worried about it;

"When we'll pay thirty dollars an inch for pure space."

And he worried about it;

"The earth will be crowded so much, without doubt."

That there'll be no room for one's tongue to stick out,

And no room for one's thoughts to wander about."

And he worried about it;

"The Gulf Stream will curve, and New England grow torrid."

And he worried about it;

"That was over the climate of southern-most Florida."

And he worried about it;

"The ice cap will be knocked into small smithereens,

And crocodiles block up our mowing machines,

And we'll lose our fine crops of potatoes and beans."

And he worried about it;

"And in less than ten thousand years, there's no doubt."

And he worried about it;

"Our supply of lumber and coal will give out."

And he worried about it;

"Just then the Ice Age will return cold and raw,

Frozen men will stand stiff with arms outstretched to awe,

As if vainly beseeching the general thaw."

And he worried about it;

"His wife took in washing (a dollar a day),

He didn't worry about it;

While his wife beat her tireless rub-a-dub dub

On the washboard drum in her old wooden tub,

He sat by the stove and he just let her rub,

He didn't worry about it.

Should Admiral Dewey accept the cordial invitation sent him by Gov. Wolcott of Mass., the whole of New England will visit Boston to greet the hero of Manila. That day the "hub" will be far too small for the spokes.

An eccentric individual left the bulk of his fortune in trust for the purpose of combating the "unreasonable and pernicious doctrine of the immortality of the soul." Perhaps by this time he may be wishing that he had not wasted his money.

The sea-serpent yarn is again in circulation. Let us hope it will meet the kiasing bug, and retire with it to the limbo of exploded fakes. It is strange that the great inventive American people cannot think up some new lies, when the old ones are so shop worn.

Is there any connection between the fact that the town of Litchfield is without a single pauper and the other that the salaries of the teachers of that town have voluntarily been raised 25 cents per week by the committee? Both items are to the credit of this good farming town.

Hobson has a rival. A man in a burning New York factory ran his elevator through smoke and fire, and saved the lives of a hundred girls, whereupon they fell upon his neck en masse, and insisted upon kissing him. Heroism grows more dangerous as the years go by. Is it because of its rarity?

A car famine is threatened in the West. The railroads are already unable to get cars enough to move the accumulating freight, and the season of crops is yet to come. This speaks well for the productivity of the great Western farming country, and is an augury of good times in store for the nation at large.

One paper still believes in the kissing bug, and describes it as having "six or seven long ribs," and "thick, soft hair on its upper back." The kind of kissing bug with which we are most familiar here in Maine has more ribs than that, and the "thick, soft hair" is on its upper lip. Ask the summer girl!

In some of our Maine towns the summer boarder is a great institution. The Oxford County Advertiser tells of a little tot at Watford, who, in talking with her mother in a recent thunder storm, said that the lightning would not probably hit them, as they had summer boarders, but that it might others.

"A Chicago wheelwoman has made a quadruple circuit in 47 hours and 48 minutes. Well, now that she has finished her run she'd better go home and do up her household, which must be somewhat neglected while she's been off making 400-mile rides." Probably mother had the work all done up when she got back.

A Jewish synagogue in Boston has prohibited the wearing of straw hats by the worshippers in attendance. It is to be feared that the bicycle suit and the golf stocking would not be received with favor in that sanctuary. And how about the shirt waist? If any article of apparel is irreverent, it would seem to be the jaunty shirt waist.

It is stated that the output of gold in the Klondike region, destined for the United States, will approximate \$20,000,000 this year. Against this put the thousand weary, starving, discouraged men on the shores of Kotzebue Sound, seeking government aid to enable them to get home again. Which is more valuable, gold or life?

They keep busy in Georgia, and there seems to be always something for excitement. Sometimes it is lynching negroes, and again it is escorting Mormon elders over the border with a polite invitation (backed up by a shot gun) not to return. In the latter occupation they will get more sympathy from the North than in the former. This country has no use for Mormon missionaries.

The case of Mrs. Maybrick is again being brought to notice, and our ambassador in London is making strenuous efforts to have this much-wronged woman set at liberty. There is doubt but that a terrible mistake was made by the English Government at her trial, and until they are willing to admit and atone for the wrong, their criticism should be withheld from the Dreyfus case. Again we hear the echo of the old tradition, "The king can do no wrong."

The cause of woman's rights is certainly advancing. Mr. Otto Gladie of New York city, reported to the police, one morning at 2 o'clock, that his wife was missing, she having gone out early in the evening to attend her club, and had not returned. When Mr. Gladie regained his residence, after putting the police on the war path, there sat the missing wife on the front stoop. She had forgotten her latch key, and was patiently waiting for her spouse to let her in. If woman has attained to the privilege of being out at a club until 2 o'clock in the morning, we hardly see what there is left worth striving for. The ballot would be a minor concession.

Those Bowdoinham people who got all ready for an excursion, and the boat failed to materialize, had the laugh on themselves, to be sure. But they were not half as tired or sunburned at night as if they had really gone. Excursions are hard work. Doubtless many will recall the little story in a recent Harper's of the Irishman, coming home in a crowded elevated car from a trip of this kind. Clinging to a strap, bumping around the curves, his arms laden with baskets and babies and a tired child hanging to his coat-tails, he turned to his next neighbor and remarked seriously, "I tell ye, air, we might get a dose of comfort out of life if it wasn't for our pleasures!" And to this all returning excursionists will give a hearty assent.

Somebody carelessly dropped a lot of sulphur matches in a gallon of tea brought from the kitchen for the pa-

tients in a ward of Bellevue Hospital. The person who served the tea saw the matches floating in it, but thought it a matter of small consequence. The result was that most of the patients in the ward were soon violently ill from the phosphorus poisoning, and were only saved by the most energetic measures.—Boston Transcript.

THE NAUTILUS REALIZED.  
When Jules Verne wrote his fascinating book, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," few dreamed that the product of his vivid imagination would within a few years become a reality. The Nautilus, the wonderful submarine boat of the story, is now realized by the New Argonaut, the plans for which have been submitted to the navy department and accepted. This new boat, whose function is that of a submarine torpedo, is said to be "able to perform like an educated whale," besides possessing the most formidable destructive powers. It has been known to remain under water for a half a day in safety, and is in every way the fulfillment of what inventors have been seeking for the past 300 years. The usefulness of this boat can hardly be estimated, and will by no means be confined to warfare. It will be invaluable for examining sunken vessels and recovering treasures, and for locating submarine deposits of coral, pearl oysters, sponges, etc. Science will find a new depth to its investigations which will surpass anything yet found. In locating sunken wrecks and other menaces to navigation, it will be of the greatest assistance. Few inventions of the last quarter of this wonderful century will rank in scientific value with the "New Argonaut."

"THERE ARE OTHERS."  
In spite of the constant use of these words as a slang phrase, it is evident that their real significance is overlooked by many pleasure seekers. How often do young people—and older ones, too, sometimes—select a beautiful spot for a picnic, and after eating their lunch, litter the place with eggshells, banana peels, paper plates and boxes, which are an eyesore to the next comers. It would seem as if a sense of the fitness of things would prevent well-bred persons from committing such offenses, yet every season affords frequent instances of this inconsiderate selfishness. Those who are scrupulously neat and particular in their own homes see no impropriety in marring Nature's order and beauty by covering green grass and flowery hillside with scraps which should be wrapped in paper and burned or hidden. If parents and teachers would impress upon the children under their care the necessity of remembering that there are others whose feelings should be respected and whose enjoyment should be considered, there would soon be a reform. Then it would no longer be necessary for owners of beautiful estates to prohibit the eating of lunches on their grounds. People could be trusted to spend the day out doors and yet leave their temporary camping ground none the worse for their occupancy.—Congregationalist.

THE TENTH DEMAND CRITICISED.

"The immediate repeal by the next legislature of all appropriations running for more than two years." While the principle embodied in these declarations is wise and consistent, action taken by past legislatures must not be overlooked. Touching section 19, the Farmer of Feb. 9 said, and we now think the position sound: "The Maine Farmer vigorously opposed the movement to amend the constitution so as to limit the annual appropriation of \$20,000 for ten years, and time has fully justified the wisdom of the opposition, yet the Farmer, in justice to the institution, will defend against any attempt to repeal the act granting the appropriation. It was bad legislation, but it must stand."—Maine Farmer.

We don't quite understand that logic. If the legislation was bad, the sooner it is set right the better.—The Farmers Forum.

Granted that the logic of the Farmer is questionable, certain facts cannot be overlooked. After the Military Department had secured its fraction-of-a-mill tax upon the state valuation, about \$35,000 yearly for ten years, the State College made its appeal, and upon the floor of the House, Gov., then Speaker, Powers, declared the policy "iniquitous legislation." Later, the long term grant was secured, and at once the academics all over the state entered their appeals and succeeded in securing their grants. It has been bad legislation from first to last. Every legislature should control its appropriations and be responsible for the same. At the same time, if reform is to be of any service, it must be aimed against the practice, and not a single act. If there is demand for repeal, it should include any and all such appropriations, and not any one. Here is where the tenth demand is sound. But these smaller and larger academies and institutions have, during the past two or four years, been adjusting work to conform to fixed revenue, and the Farmer, regardless of the logic, believes it will be better to keep faith for the remaining time than to summarily repeal, and by so doing, cripple many a worthy educational institution doing good work, but unable to live without this aid. The whole policy of granting state aid to special institutions is wrong, fraught with grave dangers. The educational interests of the state of Maine, in any way related to, or connected with, the state treasury, should be under the control of the educational department. Then there will be responsibility and some uniformity of work can be expected.

THE FARMERS' MOVEMENT.

The first of the farmers' meetings called to protest against the present system of taxation and in the interests of the farmers' movements, was held at Beach ridge in Scarborough, Saturday afternoon. There was a banquet on Scarborough clams, followed by speaking in the tent, and in the evening there was a country dance.

"Farmer" W. H. McLaughlin, the chairman of the provisional committee of the movement, presided. He made a very bright, informal talk. He said the farmers of Maine ought to be able to do something. Farmers have made history. Jacob, Moses, and Job were farmers. Joseph and Mary were simple, common people who went from their bit of land to Jerusalem to be saved. "In these days the tax collector comes to the farmer," he added. "Cromwell and Washington were farmers."

Mr. McLaughlin read the 10 demands by the farmers of Maine, already published in our columns, to be presented when the next Legislature meets, and defended them. He took up the proposition to have a uniform system of road building. "The idea is to have the town pay one-half and the State the rest, but where is the State to get the money?" he said. He said the farmers are taxed 2 per cent. on a valuation double the selling price of their farms. His address was freely applauded.

H. K. Griggs, a Westbrook farmer, followed. He said that a strike of the farmers would be the greatest in all human history. He strongly advocated the 10 demands to be presented to the next Legislature, and predicted that the farmers of Maine will at last act together in their own interest and for the common good.

John Killian, Lewis Knight, and J. S. Burgess followed, believing the movement would succeed, and that the 10 demands, the platform of the league, would become a part of the law of the State. The result of the meeting was highly satisfactory. The provisional committee has demonstrated that farmers are willing to act together without regard to party, and that farmers can be depended on to make the speeches at their own meetings. It is believed that they have hit on an idea that is sure to take, this winter, to combine social features with the educational meeting. Other meetings will follow.

The Field Day at Sebago Lake, Monday, was attended by about 1,000 people. State Master Gardner presided. Speeches were made by our worthy State Master, Geo. H. Boothby, Saco, E. J. Mitchell, Peter Stuart, Levi Jordan, Willis Rolfe, Samuel Hill and Sec. E. H. Libby of the State Grange. In the afternoon National Master Jones spoke for two hours giving substantially the same address as we report elsewhere. It was received with hearty applause and is declared to be one of the best addresses ever delivered before the patrons of Maine. We look for a much larger attendance on the next series of meetings which open at Norway, Saturday.

Here in America the desolation caused by flood or fire brings response and help from all over the country. The Russian peasant suffers, starves and dies alone and uncared for. He ceases to be an object of interest to his country when he becomes too poor to pay taxes. This

is "hard times"—failure of crops, starvation, death. America has never touched the outskirts of these terrible words, and she never will. Only under an autocratic government are such things possible.

INGERSOLL'S ORATION AT HIS BROTHER EBBEN'S FUNERAL.

Among the touching and eloquent tributes which love and sympathy dictate, the following will be cherished by every one whose heart responds to the thrill of kinship:

Dear Friends: I am going to do that which I feel I owe to the memory of my brother. The loved and loving brother, husband, father, friend, died where manhood's morning almost touches noon, and while the shadows still were falling to the west.

He has not passed on life's highway the stone that marks the highest point, but, being weary for a moment, he lay down by the wayside, and using his burden for a pillow, fell into that dreamless sleep that kisses down his eyelids still. While yet in love with life and raptured with the world, he passed to silence and pathetic rest.

Yet, after all, he may be best, just in the happiest, sunniest hour of all the voyage, while eager winds are kissing every sail, to dash against the billows rock, and in an instant hear the billows roar above a sunken ship. For whether in life or in "better now," let us be the farther shore, a wreck at last must mark the end of each and all. And every life, no matter if its every hour is rich with love and every moment jeweled with a joy, will at its close become a tragedy as sad and deep and dark as can be woven of the warp and woof of mystery and death.

He loved the beautiful, and was with color, form and music touched to tears. He aided with the weak, the poor and wronged, and lovingly gave aims. With loyal heart and with the purest hands he faithfully discharged all public trusts.

He was a worshiper of liberty, a friend of the oppressed. A thousand times I have heard him quote these words: "For Justice all place a temple, and all season, summer." He believed that happiness was the only good, and the only torch, justice the only worship, humanity the only religion, and love the only priest. He added to the sum of human joy; and were every one to whom he had some loving service to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep to-night beneath a wilderness of flowers.

Life is a narrow vale between the cold gray peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our willing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead come words of peace and warning. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our willing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead come words of peace and warning.

Speech cannot contain our love. This death, there is, no gentler, stronger, manlier man.

MASSACHUSETTS CROP REPORT.

Insects appear to be doing a minimum amount of damage this season. Potato bugs are, as always, fairly plenty, but they are not doing any unusual amount of damage.

Indian Corn.

Indian corn has made rapid growth of late, and though still backward in some localities, now generally promises a good crop. There are some complaints of uneven stand and poor color, but these are not numerous enough to indicate any probable shortage in the crop. It is safe to say, however, that a larger proportion of the corn crop is used for silage in all sections each year.

The Hay Crop.

The rains of the latter part of June helped the hay crop materially in some sections, but came too late to overcome the effects of the earlier drought. Estimates of the crop vary widely, but the favorite one is from one-half to two-thirds of a full crop. The quality is generally reported as good.

Forage Crops.

The shortage of the hay crop this year has led to a considerable increase in the acreage devoted to forage crops, particularly in the eastern part of the state. Much hay is still on hand, and this relieves many farmers.

Market-Garden Crops.

Market-garden crops derived material benefit from the heavy rains since the last report, and are nearly up to the normal in condition at date of writing. Prices appear to average about as usual, though perhaps, on the whole, a little above those of recent years.

Early Potatoes.

Early potato harvest has begun in many sections, and the consensus of reports seems to be that while the tubers are large and fair, they are few in the hill, and that the crop is considerably below the average in quantity. Prices generally run high and should remain above the average. No complaints of blight were made, and the prospect for the late crop generally appears to be very good.

Fruits.

As previously noted, the prospect is not encouraging for apples, particularly for winter varieties. Pears will also be a light crop, plums very light, as a rule.

Pasturage.

In the western and central portions of the state, pastures have improved greatly since the last report, and now promise to generally carry through in good shape, though feed is still rather short. In eastern sections, however, they were, at the time of making reports, still greatly in need of rain, and there were many complaints that they had dried or were drying up.

Small Grains.

The drought of May and June hurt rye, oats and barley in many sections, so that these crops are not, as a whole, up to the normal, particularly as relates to straw.

BLUEBERRIES.

"Are those grapes?" was the query, as Mr. A. E. Faught, the well known farmer of Sidney, kindly placed a basket of blueberries on our desk a few days ago. They were only blueberries, but so large and glossy, with such enormous clusters, that one thought at once of the wild grape. No more attractive basket of fruit has come to our table this year, and the surprise was great at the uniformly large size and the fact that they grew in the pasture. They suggested the possibilities of cultivation and the sure demand for such superior fruit.

## City News.

James Cushing, an employee of Purinton & Co., in the reconstruction of the Kennebec Journal building, fell from a third story window Monday morning receiving injuries that caused his death. He was 33 years of age and is survived by four children.

Rines Hill, which is more travelled than any other street in the city, perhaps, is at last to be improved. It is to be macadamized and the lower part paved, while the electric track will be moved so as to materially widen the street. No one will doubt the need of these improvements, for the condition of this hill has been a disgrace to the city.

The annual excursion for poor children which took place on Saturday last, was a great success and reflected much credit on the good women who had it in charge. This is a worthy charity and all who contributed toward it must feel that their money was well spent. If a few underserving ones were benefited, better so than that the worthy poor should be deprived of the enjoyment of the day.

Two of our Augusta young ladies have lately received merited recognition of their scientific attainments. Miss Olive Hoyt, who since her graduation from Mt. Holyoke, has been teaching very successfully in Rockville, Conn., has received a flattering offer to occupy the chair of chemistry at her Alma Mater, Miss Charlotte Partridge, also a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, and daughter of the popular druggist Mr. Frank R. Partridge of this city, has received the appointment of teacher of chemistry in the Portland High School. Their native city wishes them success in their chosen profession.

## County News.

Mrs. Scott Hewins, Church Hill, has so far recovered her health as to be able to ride out.

The brick work is completed on the extension of Sampson hall on Kent's Hill and it is now roofed in.

The semi-annual meeting of the Kennebec Agricultural Society will be held at the fair grounds, Readfield, Aug. 9, when a full attendance is desired.

Salmon lake, formerly known as Ellis pond, No. Belgrade, is proving a great fishing resort, this summer. Over 100 salmon have been caught here since the ice went out.

Prof. Harmon S. Cross of Springfield, Mass., a former resident of Church Hill, called upon his friends and schoolmates, Saturday. Mr. Cross passed his childhood days in this place, and is greatly esteemed by all who know him.

Next Sunday at 7:30 P. M. Rev. D. P. Hatch of Portland, secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, will speak at the church at Riverside. Mr. Hatch will have with him a large map illustrating the extensive field operated by the M. M. S.

An increase of peddlers on the country roads in this section is noted, both of teams and footmen. This is regarded as a sign of improved business conditions and will increase the revenue of the state treasury through the payment of license fees.

Although the haying season has been bad for the past ten days, most farmers about Readfield have secured their crop and some have mowed their oats and dug their early potatoes. Many complain that their pole beans prove a failure for they will not run on the poles as usual.

Thieves effected an entrance into W. P. Marble's store, Sidney, Saturday night. They got in through the cellar window. In the morning a lamp, sitting in a box, was found burning. They searched the money drawer, but as no money is left in the store nights, did not obtain any.

A remarkable surgical success has been scored in the case of the little daughter of Wm. D. Smith of Waterville, who was so seriously burned on July 4th. It was feared that her injuries would be fatal, or at the least that the skin would never grow again upon one arm. Dr. Goodrich, who attended the case, successfully performed the operation of skin grafting, taking three strips of skin from the arm of the father and placing them upon that of the child. On the removal of the bandages the operation was found to be a complete success.

## PERSONAL.

Albert A. Austin, one of the best authorities and writers in horse literature, died in Mass. the past week. For years he has had charge of the horse department in the Herald.

Dr. J. C. Donham of Hebron, one of the earnest workers in the last House, is announced as a candidate for state senator in Oxford county. He is the third aspirant for the place, the other two being Hon. J. A. Roberts of Norway and Hon. J. F. Stearns of Lowell.

## STATE FAIR NEWS.

The latest announcement made by the bustling State Fair officials is that of offering \$5000 purse for 2,200 trotters in addition to the already large list of classes announced. This will mean a hard-fought race, for there are, to-day, a full field of horses eligible to this class, and a hot fight may be expected. It will be a drawing card. All races are open and the best horse will win.

Secretary Clarke informs us that there is wide-spread interest in these races, as well as a decided increase of interest in all features of the exhibition. Entries are coming in from every quarter, and a larger exhibit of choice stock is assured than for many years. Every one thinking of exhibiting should secure copy of the premium list without delay.

A meeting of the trustees was held, last week, at















